chairmanship of Dr. Arjun Sengupta to look into the problems of the activities in the unorganised sector. And these unorganised sector activities account for 93 per cent of our labour force. It is my hope that once the report of that commission becomes available, we will be able to elaborate programmes for the urban sector as well.

Single window facility for NRIs

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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have planned a comprehensive single window facility for Non-Resident Indians and also special courts and a 23 point programme that will address pressing issues concerning the NRIs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) to what extent these proposals have been finalized and announced; and

(d) to what extent Government have been able to help the NRIs in a more systematic manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir/Madam.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) The work allocation of the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs has been finalized and notified on 15th December, 2004. These cover 18 items.

(d) Now that the mandate of the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs has been finalized, it would work out its staff and budget requirements immediately. Thereafter, it would be possible for the Ministry to respond to the needs of NRIs and PIOs in a more systematic manner in all matters and in particular matters relating to citizenship, investment, philanthropy, education, insurance, Science and Technology, Emigration, etc.

प्रो॰ अलका क्षत्रिय: सभापति जी, मॉरीशस में करीब 65 से 70 प्रतिशत भारतीय मूल के लोग रहते हैं और भारत से मॉरीशस के संबंध काफी पुराने हैं। मॉरीशस सरकार ने एक प्रावधान

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किया है कि अगर कोई भारतीय पंद्रह दिन के लिए मॉरीशस जाना चाहता है तो उसके लिए वीजा की जरूरत नहीं रहेगी, इससे ज्यादा दिन रहेगा तो वीजा की जरूरत पड़ेगी। मैं मंत्री जी से जानना चाहती हूं कि क्या भारत सरकार भी मॉरीशस के लोगों, जो भारतीय मूल के एन.आर.आईज. हैं, उनके लिए भी ऐसा कोई प्रावधान करना चाहती हैं?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Sir, no proposal of this kind is with me. But everything will have to be discussed with the External Affairs Ministry, and then the answer would be given.

प्रो. अलका क्षत्रिय: साथ ही अभी जब मंत्री जी ने बताया कि एन.आर.आइज. की प्रवासी भारतीय केन्द्र बनाने संबंधी पिछले साल जो घोषणा की गई थी, उसमें कहां तक प्रगति हुई है। अभी मंत्री जी ने बताया ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति: ठीक है, ठीक है।

प्रो. अलका क्षत्रिय: 18 बातें बतायी हैं। लेकिन यह काम कितने दिन में पूरा हो जाएगा?

श्री सभापति: ठीक है।

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the allocation of work has just been finalised about a week back. And one of the programmes, that is, the construction of Pravasi Bharatiya Bhawan is one of our priorities.

SHRI LALIT SURI: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I must compliment the Govenment for realising the importance of the NRIs, and for that purpose, they formed a Ministry for Overseas Indian Affairs. Sir, my question is this. There are twenty-two million NRIs, and the perception is that they do not want to invest heavily into this country. My request and my question to the hon. Minister is: What is he doing to ask even the ten to twenty per cent of them to come to India, to discover their roots, or, at least, become tourists to this country so that when they come here, their perception will change?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Sir, first of all, the exact number of overseas Indians is not known. But it is similar to the number that the hon. Member has quoted. Sir, the Government is doing everything possible to attract investment, especially, in Tourism, Education, Health etc. Plans are on and, especially, the Ministry of Overseas Indians Affairs is planning to have a Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas in 2005. We have already had two, but at that time, we had them without any Ministry taking any responsibility.

Now the new Ministry is taking care of it. Some of the subjects which are going to be discussed are: investment on Tourism, Trade, Science and Technology, Health, etc.

श्री मोती लाल वोरा: माननीय सभापति जी, मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि अप्रवासी भारतीयों के बारे में उन्होंने जो जानकारी दी है, अभी तो उनका विभाग बना ही है, लेकिन माननीय सभापति महोदय, आप इस बात से भली-भांति परिचित होंगे कि चाहे पंजाब का मामला हो, केरल का मामला हो, आन्ध्र प्रदेश का मामला हो, ये एन.आर.आइज विवाह करने के बाद अपनी पत्नियों को छोड़ देते हैं। अपने हिन्दुस्तान में इनकी संख्या कम-से-कम 40 हजार से 50 हजार के आस-पास है। मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहूंगा कि माननीय मंत्री जी ऐसे अप्रवासी भारतीयों के धन का जो उपयोग है उसके साथ-साथ ये जो 40 से 50 हजार महिलाएं हिन्दुस्तान के अन्दर इन एन.आर.आइज़ के कारण आज दुखी हैं, परेशान हैं, पीड़ित हैं, क्या इस दिशा में भी उनका ध्यान गया है ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति : मंत्री महोदय, ...(व्यवधान)...एक मिनट बैठिए।

डा. अलादी पी. राजकुमार: पंजाब में ऐसी महिलाओं की संख्या 12 हजार है, आन्ध्र प्रदेश में ...(व्यवधान)...यह बहुत गंभीर समस्या है, इसके ऊपर एक एक्ट बनना चाहिए ...(व्यवधान)...

श्रीमती सरला माहेश्वरी: यह बहुत गंभीर समस्या है, शादी करके छोड़ देना ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति: मंत्री महोदय खुद भी दुखी हैं। आप जो कह रहे हैं कि 70 हजार महिलाएं ..(व्यवधान)... 70 हजार महिलाएं यहां हैं, जिनको छोड़ दिया हे, उनके कारण मंत्री महोदय बहुत दुखी हैं।

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Sir, it is a very important question which has been put. The exact number is not known. But it is quite in a large nubmer, especially, from Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, and there are some from Kerala and other States also. There have been people who are coming, duping these girls and marrying them falsely. We have come to know that they are either married or they just don't call them back. My Ministry is aware of the problems. We are working out some kind of a scheme, whereby some kind of information is got, and we could inform some of those people who want to get their daughters married, and help them. But that is not mandatory. But, we will do everything possible to see that these girls are not duped like this.